HOW CONTRACTS ARE LET. SUNLIGHT ON THE MYSTERI-

paign Fund. How the Lowest Responsible Bidder Was Disposed Of Mis Bid Not Schoduled.

Commissioner William Dennison put in an appearance at the Columbia building yesterday morning, and remained during the entire day, giving his attention to official shifter, and the proposed of the public. The tires Commissioners were all in their office prepared to transact basiness, but found little to do, there being no more fat joke to give out for the present, if this was not found tiltle to do, there being no more fat joke to give out for the present, if this way, a little difference of opinion has grung up between Thomas Kirby, stone contractor, and the Commissioners in regard to his bid and the work awarded to him.

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Mr. Kirby was awarded 2,200 square yards on beventh effect, between Fourth and Fifth northwest, of Richmond granite, at \$1.78 per squary yard, and 5,000 square yards on Seventh street, between F and G northwest, on kydraulic coment foundation, with hitmainous filling, at \$2.25 per square yard. There seems to be a minunderstanding in the matter, which, like the other lettings, only the District Chambistoners can explain, and it is to be hoped that when done it will give greater satisfaction than their previous efforts in that direction.

But to begin at the beginning. When the farce was gone through with, on the 5th of May last, of opening the bids, Mr. Kirby, although specifying the work that he hid for to be that on Seventh street youthwest, between B and L streets, did not comply with all the requirements to make a proposal admissible, and both his were declared informal. Still he managed to secure a context, and to his own astonishment he was awarded work that he never hid to contract for. Now he thinks that he should be allowed an increase upon the price bid, as he is to carry out the contract for work that he did not hid for. Another funny point comes to light, and it would seem in these awards that something stang

per square yard, and uterated that Mr. Kirby's bid was declared informal and he failed to furnish a sample of the stone used. By some process of calculation best known to the Commissioners he received the contract, despite all the informalities of his bid and the lower one of Mr. McNauars. The latter gentleman could not understand this manner of letting contracts, and he had pleaty of intelligent people for company, so he went to the office of the triumvirant to make inquiry as to the cause of such action. To his amazement he found that the bid of McNauars & Malone for \$1.74 per square yard badvast been scheduled, and that after the opening of its mo more consideration was given to it than so much waste paper. Nobody could understand this state of affairs, and not one of the three Commissioners attempted to explain why the lowest bid had been dropped from the list.

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Commissioner Phelps thought, however, that a could pour oil on the troubled waters, and undertook the soft-solder dedge that he practiced on Mr. Burlew. He told Mr. McNamars hat more work would be given out shortly, and when that time arrived his claim should econsidered. This did not pacify Mr. Mcsamars, who, previous to the opening of the ide, finding that he could obtain stone cheaper han when he prepared his proposal, put in with an open offer to the Commissioners to do he same work for \$1.05 per square yard. These the country is not the proposition could be obtain a sat-sfactory answer, and he left, believing other han honorable motives governed the making I the awards.

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His Trial in the Tweed Ring Suits Begun Yesterday.

(By Telegraphto the National Republican.)

New York, June 4.—The trial of Peter B. Sweeney in the \$4,000,000 and was formally begun this morning in the Supreme Cottri, General Term, before Judge Westbrook. The defendant occupied a sent. The Jury is a struck one. Sixteen of the twenty jury men present asked to be excused. An adjournment was asked for by the defendant's counsel, on the ground of the absence of one of their numerical structures.

CAPITAL SUMMARY.

regress of the Annual Examination—The Standing of the Colored Cadet. Special Currespondence of the National Republican, West POINT, N. Y., June 3, 1877.—All the numbers of the board of visitors to the Mili THE OREGON FRAUDS TO BE INVESTIGATED

ROUMANIA VS. TURKEY.—Official notice he wen received of a treaty between Roumani and Russia, by which Roumanis puts herse under the protection of Russia.

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Not True.—Mr. Rockafellow has come again into unpleasant prominence by the sain nouncement that he had been tendered a lucrative and responsible position in the Government printing office. Public Printer Defrees promptly denied the announcement, and authorizes the statement that he does not intend that Rockafellow or any of his kind shall ever have anything to do with the Government printing office.

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7HE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.—The White House yesterday was exceedingly dull. A few persons called before noon, but there was nothing like the accustomed rush. Among the most distinguished callers were Secretaries Evarts and McCrary, Attorney General Devens, Senator Patterson, Congressman Foster, of Ohior Governor Osborne, of Kansas, Bishop Simpson, and last, but not least, Henri Schuefer, "Duke of Eppenburg," looking after his \$25,000,000 Geneva award inheritance.

"THE KEV."—After the decoration services at Chattanooga on the 30th ultimo there was a grand dinner in honor of the Blue and the Gray at the Stanton house. Among the guests was Postmaster General Key and the members of the postal commission. The following tosst was offered: "The Key"—Chattanooga was the key with which the South was unlocked to the victorious march of the Blue during the late war, and to-day it has furnished the key to unlock the hearts of the people of the South to the glorious march of the Blue and Gray united as one people.

NAVAL BOARD.—The naval board which is

during the month of April, 1877, 13,404,628 parks of outous products of the value of 14,055, but a number of prominent citizens who witnessed the review. The department appeared for the first time yesterday accompanied by the new truck.

THE DEAD AMERICAN HISTORIAN.

Funeral Rites of John Lothrop Mottey at Reasal Green Cemetery—He is Buried by the Side of His Wife.

[Thy Cable to the National Republican.]

LONDON, June 4.—The funeral of the late John Lothrop Mottey took place this afternoon at 1 o'clock. The body was brought from Dorsetshire and buried at Keusal Green cemetery, by the side of the remains of his wife, in an evertage with his special desire. Mr. Motley's bady rests near the graves of Thackery, Leech, and other noted literary celebrities, whose mames aforn the brightest pages of history. The funeral obsequies were quiet and devoid of anything tending to osteutation. Dean Stanley read the burial services. Almong the distinguished persons present were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sheridan, the Duke of Argyle, Mr. John Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Rassell Sturges. Lord Houghton, Mr. Tom Hughes, the Belgian Minister, the Netherlands Minister, Mr. Hoppin, (secretary of legation.) and the Units States Consul General Badeut. The cause of States Consult General Ba

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[By Telegraph to the National Republican.]

Bowron, June 4.—The thirty-minth anniversary of the Ancient and Henorable Artillery was celebrated here to-day by the usual paralle, which was followed by services in the Hellis attect church. The company then escented Governor Rice and staff to Fanneil half, where the annual banquet was partaken of The campany was commanded by Captain A. A. Folson, and was warmly received along the line of march. Contrary to preceding years, the weather was fine.

THE GOLDEN JURILEH AT ROME.

How the Piffieth Anniversary of Episcopacy of the Pupe Was Celebrated in that City.

[By Cobie to the National Republican.]

Royn, June 4.—The demonstrations yesterday, on the occusion of the fiffeth anniversary of the episcopacy of Pupe Pins, were most imposing. Immense crowds of pigrims througed the Vatican, and an immense concourse of people filled the streets of Rume. The excitement and fatigue of the reception greatly exhausted the Pupe, and indeed third the endurance of all present. In the morning his Holiness received the Austrian envoy and the different foreign deputations. Audience was granted to the Italian pilgrims at moon, when over two thousand persons crowded the duck hall and the adjacent saloms. Several addresses were read from the faithful Italian children, and rich gifts offered to the successor of Peter.

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An Express Train Thrown from the Track by Bobbers—Three Persons Killed.

(By Telegraph to the National Bapublican.)

St. Louis, June 4.—As, an express train on the St. Louis and San Francisco railway, Inte the Atlantic and Pacific gallway, reached a point one and half miles west of Woodend station, 155 miles west front St. Louis, at 9:30 octoke last night, the engineer awa some obstructions on the track, and instantly applied the air break, but too late, far, on reaching the spot where the obstruction was, the engine and laggage our left the track and planged down an embankment of farty feet. Samual Bichardson, the ffreman, and Dr. E. L. Atkinson, who was on the engine, were instantly killed, and Frank Caton, the engineer, was so hadly wounded that he died in two hours. Conductor Wilson started for another engine, and on the way heard a pietol shot, and a ball passed through his hat. Several other shots were fired, and passengers say that they saw five non standing near, who were recorded by

rrest of One of the Parties Suspected

the Stadieum last night resolutions were adopted declaring the necessity for forming a ministry of leaders of the respective parties, so that dissensions in the Chambers may be avoided, and that the Government carry forward military preparations promptly and energetically. A deputation nominated by the meeting waited upon the party leaders, urged united action and requested in each case that distinct reply be made public.

Quaker City Yacht Club Regatta on the Delaware.

[Ity Telegraph to the National Republican.]

PHILADELPHIA, June 4.—The regatta of the Quaker City Yacht Club took place on the belaware river to-day, the course being from Shackamaxon street to Chester and return. The first prine of the first class was won by the Minerva. Time 3:31, and the second by the Columbia in 3:47. The first prine of the second class was won by the Lille. Time 3:34, and the second prise by the Stella in 3:46.

Wholesele Arves of New York Pool.

A Wholesale Arrest of New York Pool Sellers. (By Telegraph to the National Republican.)

(By Telegraph to the National Reportment,)
NEW YORK, June 4.—Under warrants issued
by Judge Roffman, of Hudson county (N. J.) court,
all pool selfers in Hotokon who had started there
after having been driven from New York and subsenuouity from Jersey City, were arrested to-day

A Royal Rascal.

A Rioyal Bascal.

[By Cable to the National Bepiblican]

BERLIS, June 2.—The criminal court af Bresden
has sentenced count Emerick Leisingron, formerly
an officer in the Austrian army and distantly re-lated to Queen Victoria, and who has sweleted him pecuniarity, to three years (maprisonment for frand and escowers. A minerous audience, among whom was the British charge d'addires, was present at the trial.

Dismissed from Office.

[By Cable to the National Republican.]

PARIS, June 4.— M. Hallench, a Republican who was at the head of the press service connected with the Exhibition of 1878 has been dismissed from his office.

Arrival of the President of Bolivar.

In Telegraph to the National Rapublican.

New York, May 4.— Dr. Haffiel Nutice,

President of the State of Indivar and May candidate
for the Presidency of the Columbiant Chain in opposition to Parra, arrived in this city to day by the
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A CITY DESTROYED.

Illinois Towns—Sixteen Persons Known be Killed and Many Injured—Damage

Property Over \$500,000.
[By Telegraph to the National CINCINNATI, June 4.—A struck this city to-day, by which sixteen men lost their lives and half a million deliars' worth

Alderman Watkins, Wm. Newkirk, Mr. Goodrich, Mr. Barton Musterson Child.

Geo. Brins, Chas. Norman J. A. Egar and
John Trenuis.
A large number were wounded, several of
whom will undoubtedly die. The bodies of
four killed were burned. There are at least

wenty-five still miming-

International Typographical Union. [By Triegraph to the National Republican.] LOUINVILLE, KY., June 4.—The twenty-fifth annual convention of the International Typographical Union commenced this norming and will continue in coston until Saturday. Annual reports were heard, and standing committee appointed. About fifty delegates were present.

A Western Waterspout.

[By Telegraph to the National Republican.]

BUBLINGTON, IOWA, June 4.—A waterspout this morning flooded the country two miles north-nat of this city, eausing Hawkeys creek to end-lendy overflow and do several floward dollars could be found the several floward dollars of the property of damage to foundries, machine shope and gricultural works.

Trains Delayed by Caterpillars. [hy Telegraph to the National Republican.] LONDON, ONT., June 4.—The trains on the different rathreads were much delayed this morning on account of caterpillars on the track. The are swarming by millions. The Port Stanley rail road found its necessary to shorten its trains.

The King of Dahomey Pays His Pine The King of Dahomey Fays Its Fine.

[By Cobie to the National Republican.]

LONDON, June 5.—The Nandard has received a telegram via Madeira stating that the King of Dahomey paid the tine of five hundred puncheons of oil, and the bickade was raised on the Eth of May. Two hundred puncheons of his oil were lost by the wreek of the steamer (Jambia.

The Turks claim that they have driven the Hussians from the neighborhood of Sukum-Kalek, twenty hours march in the direction of Mount Ethronz. Part of the Recumentar militis has been distanted. The remainder will probably be distanted within the next fortnight because of the cuptiness of the trea-ury.

The Christians of Larukes, in the Island of Cyprus have asked the firthish admiral of the Mediterraneas fleet to send a man-of-war to protect them should as comity aribe.

costly arise.

The Prince of Monthegro has effected a junction with the corps under terestal Vakawitz, which holds the Duja pase. The Turks fried to prevent the junction, but were required.

According to the latest intelligence the Caar will remain at a whensel for the personal coarse in the treath age of bridges has orient as to back the tradicion in both the formal and whensel for the personal coarse in the formal and whensel for the personal coarse in the formal and the personal coarse in the formal and the personal coarse in the formal and the personal coarse in the personal coarse in the formal coarse in the formal coarse in the personal coarse in the p

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and extolled the beauties of the island and
currounding attractions to the skies, and want
to repeat their vielt. The company should

Joe Jefferson is closing his "Rip Van Winkle" responsent in London, and upons to night in the characters of Golghly and Hopk de Brass.

High and Low Bales of Interest.

Few persons properly estimate the difference between a high and low rate of interest, and therefore often between wasness can stand. But few have fourth of the following the financial stands of the following the first stands of the following the first stands of the first s cent, the usual rate in the United States, it is \$11,500, or nearly one thousand times as much. At 12 per cent it amounts to \$84,675, or more than four thousand times as much. At 18 per cent, it amounts to \$15,145,007, and at 28 per cent, it amounts to \$15,145,007, and at 28 per cent, (which we sometimes hear talked off it reaches the commons sum of \$2,500,700,408, or more than the State of Ohio is worth.

Republican Victory in Commedicat, Republican Victory in Commedicat, (Ry Telegraph to the National Republican, 1 NORWICH, CVSN., June 4.—3. the nomi-cipal election the Republicans elected Col. in H. Osgood, mayor, and a. full ticket by an average majority of 26. The Democrats carried the city last year.

Officers of the New York Cotton Exchange. Omeers at the New York Cottom Exchange.

(By Telegraps to the National Republicat.)

NEW YORK, June 4.—The grammal election of the tottom Exchange was held to-day with the following result: Previolent, James T. Wommin vice precident, D. G. Watts, treasure: Wathr T. Miller.

The Verdict of a Coroner's Jury.

[By Telegraph to the National Regulation.]

BOSTON, June 4.—The coroner's imputed on the death of Mrs. Mary longings of Indiana, woulded to-day in a verdict of death from absorbin, performed by Br. James Dillingham, who is halfe to await the action of the grand jury.

THE WAR IN EUROPE.

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